

January 2021

Happy New Year!

Adapting to Change



Our work is not done. The challenging times of 2020 will roll into the new year and so with that mind, our 2021

overarching theme is “Adapting to Change.” The impact of the pandemic on how our workforce system conducts business has forced all of us to rethink, reimagine, and implement many “[Future of Work](#)” ideas. In 2021, we look to highlight how workforce professionals across the country have addressed the challenges of changes in policy, procedures, and processes to cope with the new reality. The pandemic has had a dramatic effect on how we do our jobs and underscored how important our services are for jobseekers and businesses.

WorkforceGPS remains the Employment and Training Administration’s primary communications website for the technical assistance support you rely on to meet the needs of your customers. It also helps you, the publicly-funded workforce system, to communicate with each other thru Communities, [Member Directory](#), and [chat features](#). Throughout this and coming

years, we will continue to build and expand our capabilities to support the needs of the public workforce system professionals like you.

Evaluation Toolkit: Key Elements for State Workforce Agencies

As state workforce development leaders continue to adjust to and rethink the best path forward in



these uncertain economic times, they need evidence-based information for informed decisions. The recently updated [Evaluation Toolkit](#) provides state leaders an accessible and practical “how-to” guide for understanding, designing, and implementing workforce program evaluations. The toolkit’s six sections and appendices offer wide-ranging information, including how to design evaluations, to determine who will conduct evaluations, and to present interim and final study findings. Download and read the updated toolkit now to help your state make the best decisions to serve your stakeholders.

Youth Voice Webinar Celebrates Success



On Wednesday, December 9, 2020, ETA’s Division of Youth Services held a very informative listening session:

Youth Voice: How Workforce Development Programming Best Supports Me! Current and former participants of the WIOA Youth program from across the country shared their views on what makes for a successful youth workforce

experience. Among the many topics discussed were dedicated staff, work experience opportunities, leadership development, community service and civic engagement, workforce preparation, entrepreneurship, and others. If you missed this event, you can still listen to the recording by clicking [here](#).

FEATURED CONTENT

DECEMBER 14, 2020

**Coronavirus Aid, Relief,
and Economic Security
(CARES) Act - State Map**

NOVEMBER 16, 2020

**The Overlooked Value of
Certificates and
Associate's Degrees**

DECEMBER 28, 2020

**Top Workforce System
Strategies Evaluation
Reports of 2020**

FEBRUARY 06, 2020

**State Apprenticeship
Expansion (SAE) Grant
Resources**

DECEMBER 14, 2020

Employer Engagement

UPCOMING PUBLIC EVENTS

JANUARY 08, 2021

**Partner Discussion on the Exploration of a WIOA
Holistic Case Management System**

JANUARY 13, 2021

Accessing and Using Data for RESEA Evaluations

RECENT PUBLIC EVENTS

DECEMBER 01, 2020

**WIPS Training Number 1:
Apprenticeship Grants
WIPS Overview**

DECEMBER 02, 2020

**Discussing Bureau of
Labor Statistics (BLS)
Employment Projections
and COVID-19**

DECEMBER 03, 2020

**WIPS Training Number 2:
Introduction to WIPS**

DECEMBER 07, 2020

**National Association of
Workforce Development
Professionals (NAWDP)
2020 Virtual Youth
Symposium**

DECEMBER 08, 2020

**Scaling Apprenticeship
Grantee Recruitment
and Retention**

DECEMBER 08, 2020

**WIPS Training Number 3:
A Deeper Dive: The
Apprenticeship PIRL &
Schema, Valid Values &
Logic Rules**

DECEMBER 09, 2020

**Youth Listening Session
"Youth Voice: How
Workforce Development
Programming Best
Supports Me!"**

DECEMBER 09, 2020

**National Farmworker
Jobs Program (NFJP)
Technical Assistance:
Performance Reporting**

DECEMBER 10, 2020

**Trade Adjustment
Assistance (TAA) Final
Rule: Work-Based
Learning**

DECEMBER 10, 2020

**WIPS Training Number 4:
WIPS 101**

DECEMBER 10, 2020

**ETA State Board
Governance Training -
Governance
Opportunities**

DECEMBER 14, 2020

**Implementing Priority of
Service Provisions for
Most in Need Individuals
in the WIOA Adult
Program**

DECEMBER 15, 2020

**TAA Final Rule:
Employment & Case**

DECEMBER 15, 2020

**Management Services
Funds Flexibilities**

DECEMBER 16, 2020

**Learning and Leading:
Service Delivery to Job
Seekers in a Virtual
Environment**

DECEMBER 17, 2020

**Placement and Follow-
Up: Aligning Participants
and Partners for Career
Pathway Success**

**WIPS Training Number 5:
Troubleshooting &
Remaining Questions**

DECEMBER 16, 2020

**Eligible Training Provider
(ETP) Series Part 2:
Performance and New
Website**

Thank You!

Sincerely,

The WorkforceGPS Team
Helping You Navigate to Success Today

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